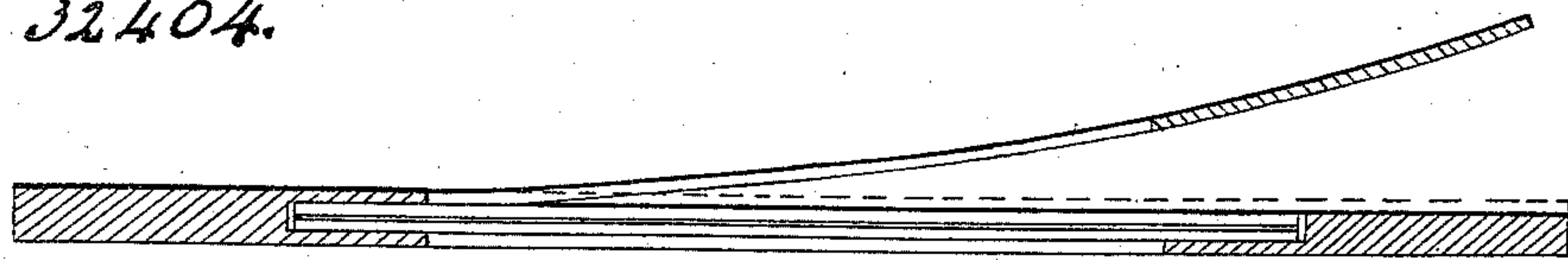


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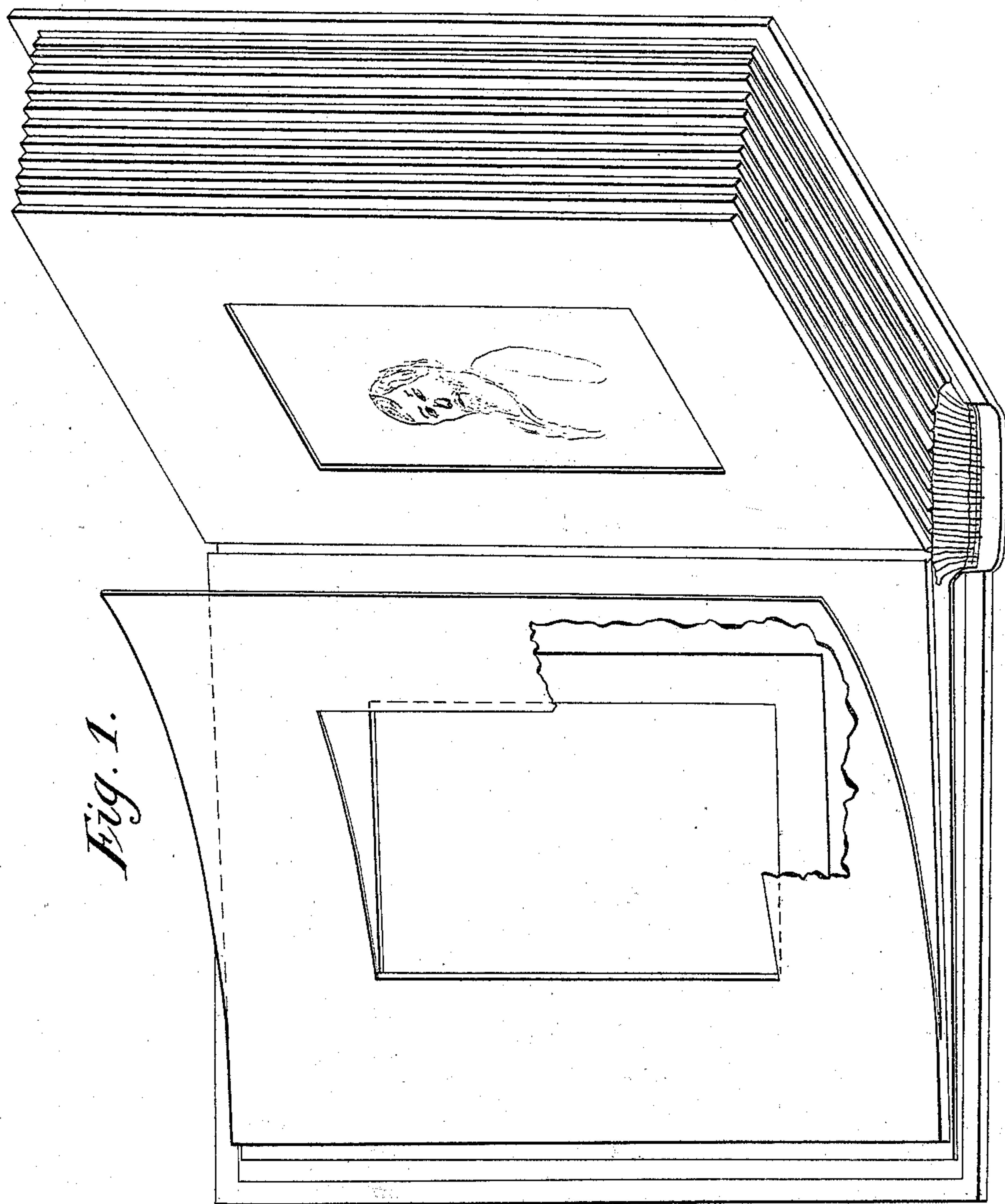
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*Fig. 1.*



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## PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUM.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 32,404, dated May 28, 1861.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, HENRY T. ANTHONY and FRANK PHOEBUS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Photographic Albums; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being made to the annexed drawing, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure I is a perspective view of our improved album, partly in section. Fig. II represents a transverse section of one of the leaves.

Similar letters indicate similar parts throughout the figures.

This improvement consists in an improved method of constructing the leaves for the reception of the pictures. These leaves, in all albums constructed for this purpose, are required to be thick enough to allow of the formation of a recessed space within the leaf wherein to bed the photograph and not have that rise above the general surface of the leaf. In order to insert the pictures each of these leaves is either split open from its outer edge, or it has a slot in its end through which to admit the slips of card-board having upon them the photographs.

The first of these methods has this objection, that the pictures are not securely fastened in the leaf unless the split portion is pasted down, and this necessarily prevents changing the pictures at will. If inserted on a card-board through a slot, it has been usual to have a piece of this to fill the slot, inserted when the leaf was made, so as to be gilded with the remainder of the edges of the leaf, and as, when the pictures are in place, the edge of this piece and of the leaf will not always coincide unless it is carefully pasted in, it has been usual to "nurl" the edge of the leaf all around to

conceal the uneven appearance, thus adding to the cost.

By our improvement the picture may be readily inserted within the split leaves and there retained without the necessity that the edges of the leaves should be pasted, while the finish of the edge is not at all impaired.

In Fig. I the thick leaves are represented as bound in the usual way for thick leaves, *i. e.* set on gussets. The center opening in each leaf and the recess for laying in the pair of photographs are also as usual, but the flap or split of the leaf is attached differently, and herein consists our improvement. The flap has its free edge toward the back of the book so that when the book is laid open this inner edge may be lifted up by the finger and the pair of photographs inserted in their place in the recess; the flaps will, when let go, drop flat, and lie parallel with the other part of the leaf. In this arrangement, the pictures are securely kept in place, while the facility of removal and change of views at will is obtained, and they may be permanently sealed if desired, by pasting as in the old method.

We claim—

Forming the leaves for a photographic album by securing the flap, or split portion, at that edge which will be outermost when said leaves are bound, thus causing the free edges of the flap to be presented toward the back of the book, whereby those will be kept down upon the photograph without the need of paste or cement, as described.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names.

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